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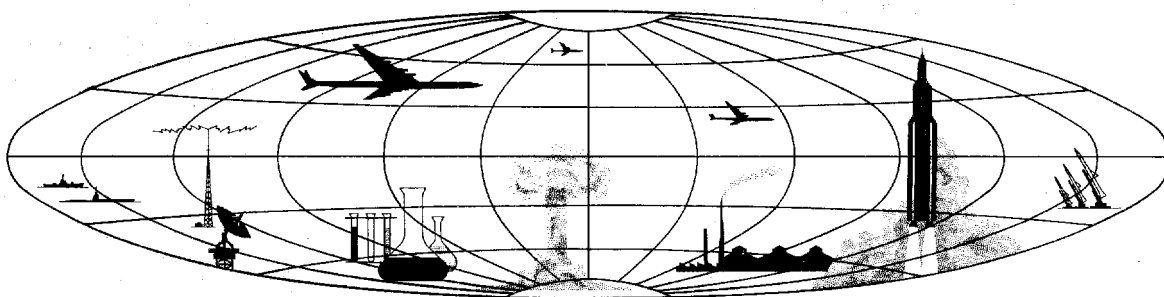


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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3437, DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-ITEMS OF INTEREST-

FREIGHTER SIGHTED. 2313N 08150W

A FREIGHTER ANSWERING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LGOV IS OBSERVED 3.5 NM OFF PLAYA JIBACOA HEADED IN THE DIRECTION OF HAVANA. FREIGHTER IS BEING FOLLOWED BY ONE POSS ANTONIO MACEO CLASS PF AND ONE POSS KRONSTADT CLASS PC.

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PTS SIGHTED 2305N 08110W

TWO PTS OBSERVED DIRECTLY NORTH OF CARDENAS IN BAY OF CARDENAS AND HEADED AWAY FROM PORT.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-MISSILES-

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1 2240N 08317W

NO ACTIVITY. ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING REMAINS.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3 2242N 08308W

NO APPARENT CHANGE. SITE APPEARS ABANDONED. ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING REMAINS.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED]
NO MISSILE ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED]
NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] 25X1D

MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA 2304N 08133W

NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] 25X1D

CUEVA DEL CURA 2302N 08206W

SEE TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES.

[REDACTED]
25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

25X1D

LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED, CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS,
7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND GUIDANCE
AREA.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CAN BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED. NUMEROUS
VEHICLES OBSERVED PARKED JUST WEST OF THE SITE.

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MATANZAS SAM SITE 2301N 08129W

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (4 COVERED), 7 MISSILE
TRANSPORTERS, AND CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D

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BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 08317W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED, OCCUPIED, AND CANVAS-COVERED
LAUNCH POSITIONS, 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 10 PRIME
MOVERS, AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

SIX MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 5 TENTS, AND OTHER
POSSIBLE VEHICLES OBSERVED. EXTENSIVE OPEN
UNIDENTIFIED STORAGE. POOR IMAGE QUALITY LIMITS
INTERPRETATION.

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PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2221N 08339W

APPROXIMATELY 20 EMPTY MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND 6
COVERED PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS OBSERVED.
POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08213W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

ROAD SURFACING CONTINUES. APPROXIMATELY 10 DUMP
TRUCKS ON PERIMETER ROAD. SITE STILL UNOCCUPIED.

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CAMPO FLORIDA CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2306N 08211W

NINE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 8 TRACKED
PRIME MOVERS, ONE MISSILE IN LAUNCH POSITION, AND
APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES OBSERVED. NO APPARENT
CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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NO APPARENT CHANGE IN NUMBER OF CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES.
NUMEROUS VEHICLES OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY
PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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-AIRFIELDS-

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

AIRCRAFT -- 5 PROBABLE FRESCO.
VEHICLES -- 10 OBSERVED.

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SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 12 FAGOT/FRESCO, 5 DUMMY FAGOT/FRESCO,
3 FARMER, 10 B-26, 3 T-33, 4 SEA FURY, 2 T-6, 3 CAB,
2 COLT.
CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE COVERED AIRCRAFT
REVTMENTS. SOME EARTH GRADING HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED
AT NE END OF NE/SW RUNWAY.

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JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CLEAT, 2 C-47, 4 BRITANNIA,
2 CONSTELLATION, 3 CRATE (ONE TAKING OFF), ONE C-54,
ONE C-45, ONE CREEK, AND ONE LIAISON-TYPE.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- 29 LIAISON AND 6 COLT.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.
RUNWAY APPEARS SERVICEABLE. HAZE AND CLOUDS PRECLUDE
FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 LIAISON.
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

[REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED] 25X1D

-PORTS-

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE PF, ONE
KRONSTADT, AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT.

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CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS, ONE ORE CARRIER.

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HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 5 FREIGHTERS MOORED IN HARBOR, ONE OF WHICH IS BEING OFF-LOADED BY LIGHTERS, 28 FREIGHTERS ALONGSIDE QUAYS AND PIERS, 4 BARGES IN HARBOR, 6 COASTAL-TYPE FREIGHTERS, 6 SMALL PC-TYPE AT HAVANA NAVAL BASE, ONE PROBABLE PF, ONE TANKER, AND NUMEROUS SMALL CRAFT.

EXTENSIVE MATERIAL IN OPEN STORAGE, MUCH TRAFFIC IN HARBOR AREA. NO DEFENSES, OBSERVED.

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LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

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CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

VESSELS -- 2 SMALL CARGO VESSELS AND A NUMBER OF BARGES AND SMALL VESSELS. NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO VESSELS OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

NO CHANGE IN CANVAS-COVERED VANS. NO OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES OR DEFENSES.

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CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08252W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE. NO VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

CAMP CONTAINS 11 TANKS/SP GUNS (MOST OF THE KNOWN PARKING AREA IS STILL CANVAS-COVERED), 3 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 3 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 25 CARGO TRUCKS, 19 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 29 LARGE, 2 MEDIUM, AND 8 SMALL TENTS, AND ONE 6-GUN OCCUPIED AAA POSITION. NUMEROUS VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT LOCATED IN HEAVILY WOODED AREA.

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SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CAMP OR IN SECURED AREA EAST OF CAMP. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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TORRENS MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

AT REFORMATORY PROPER -- 14 LARGE, AND ONE MEDIUM TENT, 10 CARGO TRUCKS, 7 VAN TRUCKS.
MOTOR PARK AND BILLETING AREA .3 NM SOUTH -- 9 LARGE AND 19 MEDIUM TENTS, 210 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 30 CARGO TRUCKS.
MOTOR PARK .7 NM SSW -- 128 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 3 CARGO TRUCKS, AND 4 SMALL TENTS.
MOTOR PARK .9 NM SE -- 59 CARGO TRUCKS, 10 VAN TRUCKS, AND 89 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
AAA POSITION 1.5 NM SSE -- ONE LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT, 9 PRIME MOVERS, 4 PROBABLE VAN TRUCKS, 7 CARGO TRUCKS. AAA POSITION IS UNOCCUPIED BUT THE AAA GUNS ARE PARKED IN THE AREA.
BILLETING AREA 1.9 NM SOUTH -- 12 LARGE, 6 MEDIUM, AND 13 SMALL TENTS, 13 CARGO TRUCKS, 3 TRUCK-MOUNTED CRANES, AND 55 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

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MADRUGA, POL STORAGE 2256N 08149W [REDACTED]

FIVE GROUPS OF HORIZONTAL CYLINDRICAL TANKS IN SMALL VALLEY ARE NOW COVERED BY SHEDS. OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE OPEN STORAGE AREA, 6 MEDIUM-SIZE BUILDINGS AND 8 SMALL BUILDINGS, ONE BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION, APPROXIMATELY 25 VEHICLES AND NUMEROUS SMALL TANKS. AREA IS SECURED.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W [REDACTED]

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W [REDACTED]

CAMP CONTAINS 18 LOWBOYS, ONE PROBABLE LOWBOY, 11 LARGE TRUCKS AND APPROXIMATELY 50 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES NEAR RUNWAY. APPROXIMATELY 100 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT IN BARRACKS AREA.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

JOVELLANOS, MILITARY AREA 2248N 08112W [REDACTED]

NO MILITARY OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY LIMITS INTERPRETATION.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08213W [REDACTED]

.5 NM NNW OF NAZARENO. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. A NUMBER OF UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED THROUGH HEAVY FOLIAGE.

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GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

TRENCHES AND AW POSITIONS APPEAR UNOCCUPIED. NO
VEHICLES/MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED. PERMANENT
FACILITIES REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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CAMPO FLORIDA, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVE STORAGE SITE 2228N 08347W

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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SPECIAL AREA ALPHA 2258N 08227W

NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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MATANZAS LANDING BEACH 2301N 08126W

NO NEW ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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VARADERO LANDING BEACH 2308N 08118W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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-UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY-

[REDACTED]
NO VEHICLES OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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MANAGUA MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

THREE TRUCKS ON SERVICE ROAD. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

APPROXIMATELY 30 VEHICLES OBSERVED AT VEHICLE PARK. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

[REDACTED]
NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

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[REDACTED]
NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE.

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

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[REDACTED] 25X1D

-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

MISSION 3437 DID NOT COVER TARGETS EAST OF 81 DEGREES OR WEST OF 83 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST LONGITUDE.

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT

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NOT INTERPRETED --

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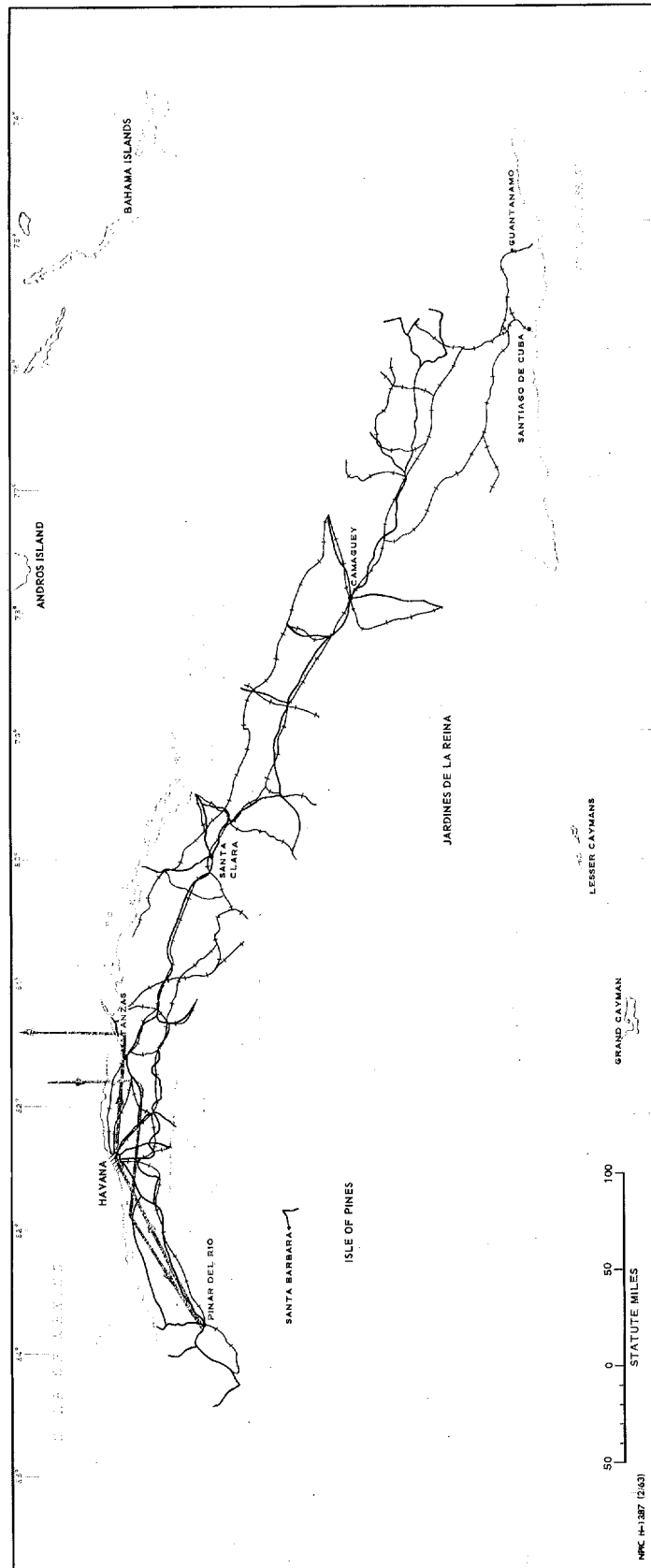
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TARARA LANDING BEACH

2246N 08258W
2303N 08207W
2258N 08217W
2307N 08212W
2308N 08210W
2310N 08212W

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